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APPLICANTS: NARA, Yasuhiko et al.

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CIRCUIT PATTERN

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of August 24, 2001, the period for response having been extended herein to February 25, 2002 (February 24<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday) by payment of the requisite fee of \$920.00 for a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 6-8 without prejudice. Amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) An inspection apparatus for a circuit pattern, comprising:

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